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SUBJECT: USAID CAMBODIA SUPPORT OFFICE IN BANGKOK

REF: BANGKOK 5669

1. MFA INFORMED EMBASSY LATE YESTERDAY
RTG WRITTEN APPROVAL OF USAID/CAMBODIA OFFICE CAN BE GUARANTEED.

2. WRITTEN APPROVAL EXPECTED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

IN REFERENCE TO THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S NOTE NO. 88 DATED
THE 21 JANUARY, 1974, AND IN CONSEQUENCE OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE
OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THOSE OF THE AM-
ERICAN EMBASSY REGARDING THE REQUEST BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA FOR APPROVAL OF THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A USAID/CAMBODIA SUPPORT OFFICE IN BANGKOK, IT HAS
BEEN AGREED THAT THE OPERATIONS OF THE SAID OFFICE WILL BE GOV-
ERNED BY THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

A. TO THE PUBLIC IT WILL APPEAR IN NO WAY THAT USAID/CAMBODIA
SUPPORT OFFICE AS SUCH HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY AND ESPECIALLY
ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE, BUT THE OFFICE SHALL EXIST MERELY
AS AN INTERNAL EXTENSION OF USOM/BANGKOK.

B. THE OFFICE SHALL EXIST ONLY ON A TEMPORARY BASIS AND SHALL
CEASE ITS OPERATIONS IMMEDIATELY UPON REPRESENTATION BY THE
ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT.

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C. ANY TRANSIT SHIPMENTS OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS FOR

USAID/CAMBODIA WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED THROUGH ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AND OFFICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RTG LAW AND REGULATIONS.

D. ALL EXPENSES ARISING FROM THE EXTENSION OF USOM/BANGKOK OFFICE FOR SAID PURPOSE SHALL NOT IN ANY WAY AFFECT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE COUNTERPART FUND ARRANGED UNDER THE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND, SEPTEMBER 1950.

3. PARA (C) WAS REVISED YESTERDAY TO ELIMINATE WRITTEN PROHIBITIONS ON USAID/CAMBODIA SUPPORT OFFICE BECOMING IN ANY WAY INVOLVED WITH PROCUREMENT, SHIPMENT OR TRANSSHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL FOR USAID/CAMBODIA. NOTWITHSTANDING ELIMINATION OF WRITTEN RESTRICTIONS, MFA OFFICIALS AGAIN EMPHASIZED USAID/CAMBODIA SUPPORT OFFICE MUST NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN SUCH ACTIVITY. THEY WERE GIVEN VERBAL ASSURANCE BY THE EMBASSY THIS IS NOT THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE.

4. APRIL 15 IS THAI HOLIDAY. CONFIDENT NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE IN AGREEMENT ON APRIL 16 WHEN IT SHOULD BE SIGNED.

5. PLEASE CONFIRM OUR ASSUMPTION LANGUAGE OF RTG APPROVAL IS ACCEPTABLE
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